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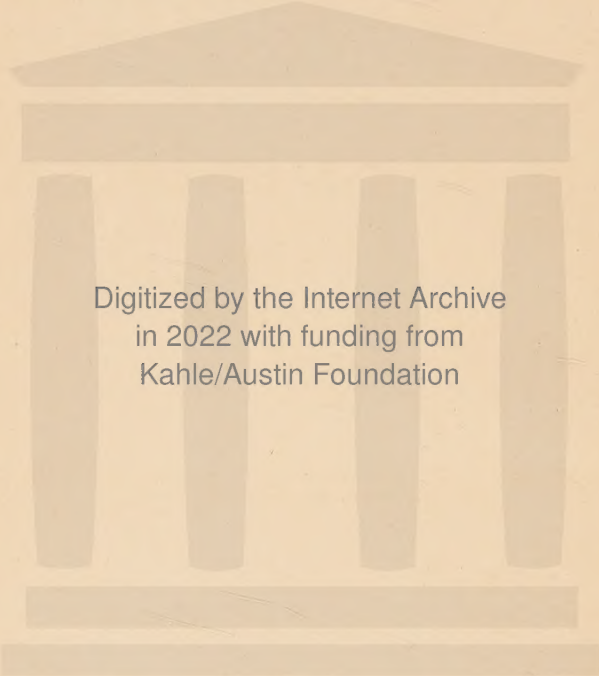
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“Enter His gates with songs of joy;
With praises to his courts repair;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honors there.”

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PREFACE. *

Worship is the offering of thought and emotion to God in some form of expression. The true worshiper is not passive, but active; not merely the subject of impressions, but the agent of expressions also.

In many congregations the services are such as to make no call upon, and afford no help to, the people to engage in them. Prayer is made in their behalf; praise is mostly sung for them, and the sermon is addressed to them. This is not in harmony with the teachings of the Word of God, and cannot be well-pleasing in his sight.

A desire to encourage the adoption of such methods in our religious services as may more frequently engage the entire congregation in acts of devotion has prompted the preparation of this Manual. It contains some of the choicest gems of Sacred Scripture, selected from both the Old Testament and the New, covering a great variety of themes, and is designed, not to be read simply with the aim of instruction, but to be recited by the minister and congregation responsively, for the ends of worship.

In some churches, especially at the morning service, two Bible Lessons are read. Where this admirable usage prevails, it is suggested that one lesson be read by the minister himself, selected with reference to his subject, and the other be taken from these Responsive Readings.

May the Divine Blessing attend this book, making it helpful to his people in worshiping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness, and in magnifying his name together!

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FORMULÆ.

INVOCATION.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

PRAYER.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

BENEDICTION.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READINGS.

I.

GOD THE FATHER.

I. THE BEING OF GOD.

I.

PSALM XC. 1-4; XCIII. 1-5.

Minister. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Minister. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

Congregation. For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

Minister. The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, *where-with* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Congregation. Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

Minister. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Congregation. The Lord on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

Minister. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy;

Congregation. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isa. 57: 15).

Minister. Thy throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre (Psa. 45: 6).

Congregation. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands (Psa. 102: 25).

Minister. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed (Psa. 102: 26).

Congregation. But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end (Psa. 102: 27).

Minister. The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee (Psa. 102: 28).

Congregation. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen (Psa. 106: 48).

II. THE WORKS OF GOD.

I.

PSALM XIX. 1-6; XXXIII. 6-11.

Minister. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Congregation. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Minister. *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

Congregation. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Minister. Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Congregation. His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

*Minister.** By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Congregation. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in store-houses.

Minister. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Congregation. For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Minister. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

Congregation. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

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II.

PSALM CVII. 21-30.

Minister. O that *men* would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Congregation. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Minister. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

Congregation. These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

Minister. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

Congregation. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

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Minister. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Congregation. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

Minister. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Congregation. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

III.

PSALM CVII. 31-43.

Minister. O that *men* would praise the Lord *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

Congregation. Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Minister. He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

Congregation. A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

Minister. He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

Congregation. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

Minister. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

Congregation. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Minister. Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

Congregation. He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is no way.*

Minister. Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock.

Congregation. The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Minister. Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

III. THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD.

I.

PSALM CIV. 1-12.

Minister. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Congregation. Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Minister. Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Congregation. Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Minister. Who laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

Congregation. Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

Minister. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

Congregation. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Minister. Thou hast set a bound that they may not

pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Congregation. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

Minister. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

Congregation. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.

II.

PSALM CIV. 13-24.

Minister. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Congregation. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

Minister. And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

Congregation. The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;

Minister. Where the birds make their nests: *as* for the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.

Congregation. The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

Minister. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Congregation. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

Minister. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

Congregation. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Minister. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

Congregation. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

III.

PSALM CIV. 24-35.

Minister. The earth is full of thy riches.

Congregation. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

Minister. There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to play therein.

Congregation. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.

Minister. *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Congregation. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Minister. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Congregation. The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

Minister. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

Congregation. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Minister. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Congregation. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

IV. THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD.

I.

PSALM CXXXIX. 1-12.

Minister. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Congregation. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Minister. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

Congregation. For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Minister. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Congregation. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

Minister. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Congregation. If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art* there.

Minister. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Congregation. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Minister. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Congregation. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

II.

PSALM CXXXIX. 17-24.

Minister. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

Congregation. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Minister. Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

Congregation. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

Minister. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

Congregation. I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Minister. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Congregation. And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

V. THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

I.

PSALM XVI.

Minister. Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

Congregation. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

Minister. But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Congregation. Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

Minister. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

Congregation. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Minister. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Congregation. I have set the Lord always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Minister. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Congregation. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Minister. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Thou, God, seest me (Gen. 16: 13).

Congregation. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good (Prov. 15: 3).

Minister. He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven (Job 28: 24).

Congregation. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? (Jer. 23: 24.)

Minister. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? (Ps. 139: 7.)

Congregation. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there (Ps. 139: 8).

Minister. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, (Ps. 139: 9.)

Congregation. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me (Ps. 139: 10).

VI. THE MAJESTY OF GOD.

I.

PSALM XLVII.

Minister. O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Congregation. For the Lord most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

Minister. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

Congregation. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

Minister. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Congregation. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

Minister. For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Congregation. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Minister. The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

II.

PSALM XCIX.

Minister. The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Congregation. The Lord *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.

Minister. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is* holy.

Congregation. The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

Minister. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is* holy.

Congregation. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Minister. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

Congregation. Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though they tookest vengeance of their inventions.

Minister. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God *is* holy.

VII. THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

I.

PSALM LXXVI.

Minister. In Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

Congregation. In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

Minister. There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

Congregation. Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.

Minister. The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

Congregation. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

Minister. Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

Congregation. Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

Minister. When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

Congregation. Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Minister. Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

Congregation. He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

II.

PSALM XCVII.

Minister. The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

Congregation. Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

Minister. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

Congregation. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

Minister. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Congregation. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Minister. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.

Congregation. Zion heard, and was glad; and the

daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgment, O Lord.

Minister. For thou, Lord, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Congregation. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Minister. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Congregation. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

VIII. THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

I.

PSALM CXLV. 1-13.

Minister. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Congregation. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Minister. Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.

Congregation. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Minister. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

Congregation. And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

Minister. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

Congregation. The Lord *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Minister. The Lord *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

Congregation. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

Minister. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

Congregation. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Minister. Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

II.

PSALM CXLV. 14-21.

Minister. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

Congregation. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Minister. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Congregation. The Lord *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Minister. The Lord *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Congregation. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Minister. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

Congregation. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

IX. THE MERCY OF GOD.

I.

PSALM CXVIII. 1-14.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, *and set me* in a large place.

Congregation. The Lord *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Minister. The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

Congregation. *It is* better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Minister. *It is* better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

Congregation. All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Minister. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Congregation. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Minister. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

Congregation. The Lord *is* my strength and song, and *is* become my salvation.

II.

PSALM CXVIII. 15-29.

Minister. The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

Congregation. The right hand of the Lord *is* exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

Minister. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Congregation. The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Minister. Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the Lord:

Congregation. This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

Minister. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

Congregation. The stone *which* the builders refused *is* become the head *stone* of the corner.

Minister. This is the Lord's doing; *it is* marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation. This *is* the day *which* the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister. Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Congregation. Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Minister. God *is* the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

Congregation. Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

X. THE COMPASSION OF GOD.

I.

PSALM CIII. 1-12.

Minister. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

Congregation. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Minister. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Congregation. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Minister. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; *so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Congregation. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

Minister. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Congregation. The Lord *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Minister. He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

Congregation. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Minister. For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Congregation. As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

II.

PSALM CIII. 13-22.

Minister. Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Congregation. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

Minister. *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, *so* he flourisheth.

Congregation. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Minister. But the mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Congregation. To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Minister. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Congregation. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Minister. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Congregation. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

XI. THE LOVE OF GOD.

I.

EPHESIANS III. 8-21.

Minister. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Congregation. And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Minister. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Congregation. According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Minister. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Congregation. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Minister. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Congregation. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Minister. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Congregation. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Minister. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Congregation. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Minister. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Congregation. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (John 3: 14.)

Congregation. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3: 15).

Minister. For God so loved the world, that he gave

his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3: 16).

Congregation. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3: 17).

Minister. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1 John 3: 1).

Congregation. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

Minister. But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3: 2).

Congregation. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (1 John 3: 3).

XII. THE WORD OF GOD.

I.

PSALM XIX.

Minister. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Congregation. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Minister. *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

Congregation. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

Minister. Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Congregation. His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Minister. The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Congregation. The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

Minister. The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

Congregation. More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Minister. Moreover by them *is* thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

Congregation. Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

Minister. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Congregation. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the Lord (Isa. 55: 8).

Congregation. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isa. 55: 9).

Minister. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: (Isa. 55: 10.)

Congregation. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it (Isa. 55: 11).

Minister. For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4: 12).

Congregation. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever (1 Peter 1: 23).

Minister. For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: (1 Peter 1: 24.)

Congregation. But the word of the Lord endureth

for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you (1 Peter 1: 25).

XIII. GOD AS A REFUGE.

I.

PSALM XCI.

Minister. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Congregation. I will say of the Lord, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Minister. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

Congregation. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

Minister. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

Congregation. *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

Minister. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Congregation. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Minister. Because thou hast made the Lord, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

Congregation. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Minister. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Congregation. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Minister. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Congregation. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Minister. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: *I will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Congregation. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

II.

PSALM XLVI.

Minister. God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Congregation. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Minister. *Though* the waters thereof roar, *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Congregation. *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

Minister. God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.

Congregation. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

Minister. The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Congregation. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

Minister. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Congregation. Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Minister. The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

XIV. GOD AS A DEFENSE.

I.

PSALM XXVII.

Minister. The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Congregation. When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Minister. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.

Congregation. One *thing* have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold

the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Minister. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Congregation. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Minister. Hear, O Lord, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Congregation. *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Minister. Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Congregation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Minister. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Congregation. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

Minister. *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Congregation. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

II.

PSALM LXI.

Minister. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Congregation. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

Minister. For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

Congregation. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Minister. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Congregation. Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

Minister. He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

Congregation. So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

XV. GOD AS A HELPER.

I.

PSALM XVI.

Minister. Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

Congregation. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou *art* my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

Minister. But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

Congregation. Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that hasten after another god*: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

Minister. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

Congregation. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Minister. I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Congregation. I have set the Lord always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Minister. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Congregation. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Minister. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are pleasures for evermore.*

II.

PSALM CXXI.

Minister. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Congregation. My help *cometh* from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Minister. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Congregation. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister. The Lord *is* thy keeper: the Lord *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

Congregation. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Minister. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

Congregation. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

XVI. GOD AS A DELIVERER.

I.

PSALM CXXIV.

Minister. If *it had not been* the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say;

Congregation. If *it had not been* the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

Minister. Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Congregation. Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

Minister. Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

Congregation. Blessed *be* the Lord, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

Minister. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the

snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Congregation. Our help *is* in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

II.

PSALM CXXVI.

Minister. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Congregation. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

Minister. The Lord hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

Congregation. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

Minister. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Congregation. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

II.

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

I. THE JOY OF SERVICE.

I.

PSALM LXXXIV.

Minister. How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

Congregation. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Minister. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Congregation. Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Minister. Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.

Congregation. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Minister. They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

Congregation. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

Minister. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

Congregation. For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister. For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Congregation. O Lord of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

II.

PSALMS C; CXXXIV.

Minister. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Minister. Know ye that the Lord he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Congregation. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

Minister. For the Lord *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Congregation. Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Minister. Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

Congregation. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

III.

PSALM CXXII.

Minister. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Congregation. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Minister. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Congregation. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Minister. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Congregation. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Minister. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

Congregation. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Minister. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

II. DEDICATION.

I.

I. KINGS VIII. 22-30.

Minister. And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

Congregation. And he said, Lord God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth

beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

Minister. Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

Congregation. Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

Minister. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

Congregation. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

Minister. Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day:

Congregation. That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

Minister. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

II.

PSALM CXXXII.

Minister. Lord, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:

Congregation. How he sware unto the Lord, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;

Minister. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

Congregation. I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,

Minister. Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

Congregation. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

Minister. We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Congregation. Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

Minister. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Congregation. For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

Minister. The Lord hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Congregation. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

Minister. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.

Congregation. This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

Minister. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Congregation. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Minister. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

Congregation. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

III.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. This *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven (Gen. 28: 17).

Congregation. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it (Gen. 28: 18).

Minister. And he called the name of that place Bethel (Gen. 28: 19).

Congregation. And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee (Gen. 28: 22).

Minister. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain (Ps. 127: 1).

Congregation. Surely the Lord is in this place (Gen. 28: 16).

Minister. The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in (Mal. 3: 1).

Congregation. The desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts (Hag. 2: 7).

Minister. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former: and in this place will I give peace (Hag. 2: 9).

Congregation. The Lord *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him (Hab. 2: 20).

IV.

I. CORINTHIANS III. 10-16.

Minister. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Congregation. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Minister. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

Congregation. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Minister. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

Congregation. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Minister. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

III.

WORSHIP.

I. ADORATION.

I.

PSALM XCV.

Minister. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Congregation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Minister. For the Lord *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Congregation. In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

Minister. The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.

Congregation. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Minister. For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To-day if ye will hear his voice,

Congregation. Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Minister. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

Congregation. Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Minister. Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

II.

PSALM XCVI.

Minister. O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Minister. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Congregation. For the Lord *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

Minister. For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Congregation. Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

Minister. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation. Give unto the Lord the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Minister. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Congregation. Say among the heathen *that* the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Minister. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Congregation. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Minister. Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

II. PRAYER.

I.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS.

PSALM LI. 1-3; 7-15.

Minister. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Congregation. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Minister. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me.

Congregation. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Minister. Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

Congregation. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Minister. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Congregation. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Minister. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

Congregation. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Minister. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

Congregation. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

II.

PRAYER IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

PSALM LVII.

Minister. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

Congregation. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

Minister. He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Congregation. My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even* among them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Minister. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

Congregation. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit

before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

Minister. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Congregation. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

Minister. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

Congregation. For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Minister. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

III.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

PSALM XLIII.

Minister. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

Congregation. For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Minister. O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Congregation. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Minister. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for

I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

IV.

PRAYER FOR HELP.

PSALM XII.

Minister. Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

Congregation. They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

Minister. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:

Congregation. Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: *who is* lord over us?

Minister. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.

Congregation. The words of the Lord *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Minister. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Congregation. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

Minister. But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble (Psa. 37: 39).

Congregation. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him (Psa. 37: 40).

V.

PRAYER FOR MERCY.

PSALM LXXXVI.

Minister. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

Congregation. Preserve my soul; for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Minister. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Congregation. Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Minister. For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Congregation. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Minister. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Congregation. Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

Minister. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Congregation. For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.

Minister. Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Congregation. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Minister. For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Congregation. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

Minister. But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Congregation. O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Minister. Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

VI.

PRAYER FOR A REVIVAL.

• PSALM LXXX.

Minister. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.

Congregation. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.

Minister. Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Congregation. O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

Minister. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

Congregation. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Minister. Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Congregation. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Minister. Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

Congregation. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.

Minister. She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

Congregation. Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

Minister. The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

Congregation. Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

Minister. And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.

Congregation. *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Minister. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

Congregation. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Minister. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

VII.

PRAYER FOR THE SPREAD OF THE CHURCH.

PSALM LXVII.

Minister. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

Congregation. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Minister. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Congregation. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Minister. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Congregation. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Minister. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

III. THANKSGIVING.

I.

PSALM C.

Minister. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Minister. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Congregation. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

Minister. For the Lord *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

II.

PSALM CXXVI.

Minister. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Congregation. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

Minister. The Lord hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

Congregation. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

Minister. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Congregation. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

IV. PRAISE.

I.

PSALM CXLVIII.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Congregation. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Minister. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Congregation. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Minister. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

Congregation. He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Minister. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Congregation. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind, fulfilling his word:

Minister. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Congregation. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Minister. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Congregation. Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Minister. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Congregation. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

II.

PSALM CXLVI. 5-10.

Minister. Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the Lord his God:

Congregation. Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

Minister. Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

Congregation. The Lord openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

Minister. The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Congregation. The Lord shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

III.

PSALM CXLIX.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

Congregation. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Minister. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

Congregation. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Minister. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Congregation. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

Minister. To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

Congregation. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

Minister. To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

IV.

PSALM CL.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Congregation. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Minister. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Congregation. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Minister. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Congregation. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

IV.

THE SON OF GOD.—In Prophecy.

I. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

I.

ISAIAH IX. 6, 7; XI. 1-5.

Minister. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Congregation. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even for ever.

Minister. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Congregation. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Minister. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Congregation. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Minister. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

II.

PSALM II.

Minister. Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

Congregation. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, *saying,*

Minister. Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Congregation. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Minister. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Congregation. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Minister. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Congregation. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Minister. Thou shalt break them with a rod of

iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Congregation. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Minister. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Congregation. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

III.

PSALM XLV.

Minister. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

Congregation. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Minister. Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

Congregation. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Minister. Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

Congregation. Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

Minister. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest

wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Congregation. All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Minister. Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Congregation. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

Minister. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Congregation. And the daughter of Tyre *shall be* there with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

Minister. The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

Congregation. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

Minister. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

Congregation. Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

Minister. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

IV.

PSALM LXXII.

Minister. Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

Congregation. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

Minister. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

Congregation. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

Minister. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

Congregation. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

Minister. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

Congregation. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Minister. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

Congregation. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Minister. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

Congregation. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

Minister. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

Congregation. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

Minister. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

Congregation. There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

Minister. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

Congregation. Blessed *be* the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

Minister. And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

Congregation. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

II. THE REIGN OF CHRIST.

I.

ISAIAH XXXV.

Minister. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Congregation. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Leba-

non shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, *and* the excellency of our God.

Minister. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Congregation. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompense; he will come and save you.

Minister. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Congregation. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Minister. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

Congregation. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

Minister. No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

Congregation. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

II.

ISAIAH LV.

Minister. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Congregation. Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Minister. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

Congregation. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Minister. Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Congregation. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Minister. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Congregation. For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Minister. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Congregation. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Minister. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Congregation. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Minister. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

III. THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST.

I.

ISAIAH LXI.

Minister. The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

Congregation. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Minister. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Congregation. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Minister. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vine-dressers.

Congregation. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Minister. For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Congregation. For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Minister. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the Lord hath blessed.

Congregation. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

Minister. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

II.

ISAIAH XLII. 1-12.

Minister. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Congregation. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

Minister. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

Congregation. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Minister. Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Congregation. I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

Minister. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Congregation. I *am* the Lord: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Minister. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Congregation. Sing unto the Lord a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Minister. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Congregation. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

IV. THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST.

I.

ISAIAH LIII.

Minister. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Congregation. For he shall grow up before him as

a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

Minister. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Congregation. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Minister. But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Congregation. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Minister. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Congregation. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Minister. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

Congregation. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he

shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Minister. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Congregation. Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

V. THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST.

I.

PSALM CX.

Minister. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Congregation. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Minister. Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Congregation. The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Minister. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

Congregation. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

Minister. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

II.

PSALM XXIV.

Minister. The earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Congregation. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Minister. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

Congregation. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Minister. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Congregation. This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Minister. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Congregation. Who *is* this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Minister. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Congregation. Who *is* this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

V.

THE SON OF GOD.—In the Flesh.

I. THE PROPHECY OF ZACHARIAS.

LUKE I. 67-79.

Minister. And Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

Congregation. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

Minister. And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

Congregation. As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

Minister. That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

Congregation. To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

Minister. The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

Congregation. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

Minister. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Congregation. And thou, child, shalt be called the

prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

Minister. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Congregation. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

Minister. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

II. THE SONG OF MARY.

LUKE I. 46-55.

Minister. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

Congregation. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Minister. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Congregation. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

Minister. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

Congregation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Minister. He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

Congregation. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Minister. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy;

Congregation. As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

III. THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

LUKE II. 8-20.

Minister. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Congregation. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Minister. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Congregation. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Minister. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Congregation. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Minister. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Congregation. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethle-

hem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Minister. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Congregation. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Minister. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Congregation. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

Minister. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

IV. THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS.

I.

MATTHEW II. 1-15.

Minister. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Congregation. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Minister. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Congregation. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

Minister. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet,

Congregation. And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Minister. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

Congregation. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Minister. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Congregation. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Minister. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Congregation. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Minister. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I

bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Congregation. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

Minister. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

II.

LUKE II. 25-40.

Minister. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Congregation. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Minister. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Congregation. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Minister. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Congregation. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Minister. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all thy people;

Congregation. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Minister. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Congregation. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

Minister. (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Congregation. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

Minister. And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

Congregation. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Minister. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Congregation. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

III.

LUKE II. 41-52.

Minister. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

Congregation. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

Minister. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

Congregation. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.

Minister. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

Congregation. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

Minister. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Congregation. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

Minister. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Congregation. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

Minister. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Congregation. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

V. THE HARBINGER OF JESUS.

I.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me (Mal. 3: 1).

Congregation. He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost (Luke 1: 15).

Minister. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God (Luke 1: 16).

Congregation. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1: 17).

Minister. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; (Luke 3: 3.)

Congregation. As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight (Luke 3: 4).

Minister. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth: (Luke 3: 5.)

Congregation. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3: 6).

II.

MARK I. 1-11.

Minister. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

Congregation. As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Minister. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Congregation. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Minister. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Congregation. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

Minister. And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Congregation. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Minister. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Congregation. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

Minister. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

VI. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

MATTHEW IV. 1-11.

Minister. Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Congregation. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

Minister. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Congregation. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Minister. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Congregation. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Minister. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Congregation. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Minister. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Congregation. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Minister. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

VII. THE MISSION OF JESUS.

JOHN I. 1-14.

Minister. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation. The same was in the beginning with God.

Minister. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Congregation. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Minister. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Congregation. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Minister. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

Congregation. He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

Minister. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Congregation. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Minister. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Congregation. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Minister. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Congregation. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

VIII. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

MATTHEW IV. 13-25.

Minister. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

Congregation. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

Minister. The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

Congregation. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Minister. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Congregation. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

Minister. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Congregation. And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

Minister. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

Congregation. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Minister. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Congregation. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Minister. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judæa, and *from* beyond Jordan.

IX. TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

I.

THE BEATITUDES.

MATT. V. 1-12.

Minister. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

Congregation. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Minister. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Congregation. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Minister. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Congregation. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Minister. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Congregation. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Minister. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Congregation. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Minister. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Congregation. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for

great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

II.

PRACTICAL DUTIES.

MATT. V. 13-20.

Minister. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Congregation. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Minister. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Congregation. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Minister. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Congregation. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Minister. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Congregation. For I say unto you, That except

your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

III.

LOVING AND SERVING OTHERS.

MATTHEW V. 43-48; VI. 1-4.

Minister. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy:

Congregation. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

Minister. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Congregation. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Minister. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so?

Congregation. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven, is perfect.

Minister. Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Congregation. Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the

hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Minister. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

Congregation. That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

IV.

PRAYING AND FASTING.

MATTHEW VI. 5-18.

Minister. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Congregation. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Minister. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Congregation. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Minister. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name:

Congregation. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven:

Minister. Give us this day our daily bread:

Congregation. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors:

Minister. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Congregation. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Minister. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Congregation. Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Minister. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face;

Congregation. That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

V.

THE HEAVENLY FATHER'S CARE.

MATTHEW VI. 19-34.

Minister. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Congregation. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Minister. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Congregation. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Minister. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Congregation. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Minister. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Congregation. Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Minister. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Congregation. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Minister. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Congregation. Wherefore, if God so clothe the

grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Minister. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where-withal shall we be clothed?

Congregation. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Minister. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Congregation. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

VI.

PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

MATTHEW VII. 7-20.

Minister. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Congregation. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Minister. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Congregation. Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Minister. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Congregation. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Minister. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Congregation. Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Minister. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Congregation. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Minister. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Congregation. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Minister. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Congregation. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

VII.

HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WORD.

MATTHEW VII. 21-29.

Minister. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Congregation. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Minister. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Congregation. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Minister. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Congregation. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Minister. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Congregation. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

Minister. For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

VIII. .

THE HEAVENLY MANSION.

JOHN XIV. 1-12.

Minister. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Congregation. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Minister. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Congregation. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Minister. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Congregation. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Minister. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Congregation. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Minister. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Congregation. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak

unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Minister. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Congregation. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

IX.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN XIV. 15-21, 25-27.

Minister. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Congregation. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Minister. *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Congregation. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Minister. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Congregation. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Minister. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that

loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Congregation. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

Minister. But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Congregation. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

X.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES.

JOHN XV. 1-17.

Minister. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Congregation. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Minister. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Congregation. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Minister. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Congregation. If a man abide not in me, he is cast

forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Minister. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Congregation. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Minister. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Congregation. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Minister. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Congregation. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Minister. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Congregation. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Minister. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Congregation. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Minister. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

XI.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

MATTHEW XIII. 1-9; 18-23.

Minister. The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

Congregation. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Minister. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

Congregation. And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Minister. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

Congregation. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

Minister. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

Congregation. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Minister. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Congregation. Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

Minister. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown

in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Congregation. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Minister. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Congregation. He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Minister. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

XII.

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES.

MATTHEW XIII. 24-30, 36-43.

Minister. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Congregation. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Minister. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Congregation. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Minister. He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Congregation. But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Minister. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Congregation. Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Minister. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

Congregation. The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

Minister. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Congregation. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Minister. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Congregation. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Minister. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

XIII.

PARABLES OF THE MUSTARD SEED AND THE LEAVEN.

MATTHEW XIII. 31-35.

Minister. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Congregation. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Minister. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Congregation. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

Minister. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

XIV.

PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS.

MATTHEW XXV. 1-13.

Minister. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Congregation. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Minister. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Congregation. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Minister. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Congregation. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Minister. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Congregation. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Minister. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so;* lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Congregation. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Minister. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Congregation. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Minister. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

XV.

PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND COIN.

LUKE XV. 1-10.

Minister. Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

Congregation. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

Minister. And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

Congregation. What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Minister. And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Congregation. And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

Minister. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Congregation. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light

a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

Minister. And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Re-joice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Congregation. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

XVI.

PICTURE OF THE JUDGMENT.

MATTHEW XXV. 31-46.

Minister. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Congregation. And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

Minister. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Congregation. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Minister. For I was an hungerd, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Congregation. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was

sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Minister. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Congregation. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Minister. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Congregation. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

Minister. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Congregation. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Minister. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Congregation. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Minister. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

Congregation. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

X. PRAYERS OF JESUS.

I.

JOHN XVII. 1-12.

Minister. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

Congregation. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Minister. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Congregation. I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Minister. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Congregation. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Minister. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

Congregation. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Minister. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Congregation. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

Minister. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Congregation. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

II.

JOHN XVII. 13-26.

Minister. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Congregation. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Minister. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Congregation. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Minister. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Congregation. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Minister. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Congregation. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Minister. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Congregation. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Minister. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Congregation. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world

Minister. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

Congregation. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

XI. WARNINGS OF JESUS.

I.

MATTHEW XI. 16-24.

Minister. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

Congregation. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

Minister. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

Congregation. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Minister. Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Congregation. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Minister. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

Congregation. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Minister. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

II.

MATTHEW XXIII. 13-16, 23-33.

Minister. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Congregation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Minister. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Congregation. Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

Minister. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Congregation. *Ye* blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Minister. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Congregation. *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Minister. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

Congregation. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Minister. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

Congregation. And say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

Minister. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Congregation. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Minister. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

XII. PROMISES OF JESUS.

I.

JOHN VI. 48-58.

Minister. I am that bread of life.

Congregation. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Minister. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Congregation. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Minister. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Congregation. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Minister. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Congregation. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Minister. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Congregation. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Minister. This is that bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

II.

JOHN IV. 13, 14, 20-24; VII. 37-39.

Minister. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

Congregation. But whosoever drinketh of the

water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Minister. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Congregation. Jesus saith unto here, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Minister. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Congregation. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Minister. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Congregation. In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Minister. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Congregation. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified).

XIII. INVITATIONS OF JESUS.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28).

Congregation. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls (Matt. 11: 29).

Minister. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light (Matt. 11: 30).

Congregation. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? (Matt. 19: 27).

Minister. And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19: 28).

Congregation. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life (Matt. 19: 29).

Minister. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22: 14).

Congregation. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star (Rev. 22: 16).

Minister. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.

And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Rev. 22: 17).

XIV. THE LOVE OF JESUS.

EPHESIANS III. 8-21.

Minister. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Congregation. And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Minister. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Congregation. According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Minister. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Congregation. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Minister. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Congregation. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Minister. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Congregation. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Minister. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Congregation. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Minister. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Congregation. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

XV. THE GLORY OF CHRIST.

I.

REVELATION I. 10-19.

Minister. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Congregation. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Minister. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Congregation. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Minister His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

Congregation. And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Minister. And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Congregation. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Minister. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Congregation. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

II.

REVELATION V. 6-14.

Minister. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb, as it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Congregation. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Minister. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints,

Congregation. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Minister. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Congregation. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Minister. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Congregation. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Minister. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

VI.

THE CHURCH.—In Prophecy.

I. THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED.

I.

ISAIAH II. 2-5; JER. L. 4, 5.

Minister. And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Congregation. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

Minister. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths:

Congregation. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Minister. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people;

Congregation. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:

Minister. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Congregation. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Minister. In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.

Congregation. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

II.

MICAH IV. 1-7.

Minister. But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Congregation. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob;

Minister. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths:

Congregation. For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Minister. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off;

Congregation. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:

Minister. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Congregation. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make

them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken *it*.

Minister. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Congregation. In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

Minister. And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

II. THE BEAUTY OF THE CHURCH.

I.

PSALM XLVIII.

Minister. Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

Congregation. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Minister. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Congregation. For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

Minister. They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.

Congregation. Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

Minister. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

Congregation. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

Minister. We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Congregation. According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Minister. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Congregation. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Minister. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

Congregation. For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

II.

PSALM LXXXVII.

Minister. His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

Congregation. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Minister. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

Congregation. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

Minister. And of Zion it shall be said, This and

that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

Congregation. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

Minister. As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

III.

ISAIAH LII. 1-10.

Minister. Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Congregation. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Minister. For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

Congregation. For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Minister. Now therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and my name continually every day *is* blasphemed.

Congregation. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

Minister. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Congregation. Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Minister. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

Congregation. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

III. THE STABILITY OF THE CHURCH.

I.

PSALM CXLVI.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Congregation. While I live will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Minister. Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

Congregation. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Minister. Happy *is* he that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the Lord his God:

Congregation. Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*; which keepeth truth for ever:

Minister. Which execueth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

Congregation. The Lord openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down; the Lord loveth the righteous:

Minister. The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Congregation. The Lord shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed (Dan. 2: 44).

Congregation. And the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever (Dan. 2: 44).

Minister. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! (Dan. 4: 3).

Congregation. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation (Dan. 4: 3).

Minister. I bless the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, (Dan. 4: 34.)

Congregation. Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation (Dan. 4: 34).

Minister. And I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, (Dan. 7: 13.)

Congregation. And came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him (Dan. 7: 13).

Minister. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him (Dan. 7: 14).

Congregation. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed (Dan. 7: 14).

IV. THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH.

I.

ISAIAH LX. 1-4, 8-12, 19, 20.

Minister. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Congregation. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Minister. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Congregation. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to

thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

Minister. Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

Congregation. Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Minister. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee:

Congregation. For in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

Minister. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night;

Congregation. That *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may* be brought.

Minister. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

Congregation. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:

Minister. But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Congregation. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:

Minister. For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

II.

REVELATION XXI. 2-6, 9-11, 22-25.

Minister. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Congregation. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Minister. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

Congregation. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Minister. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

Congregation. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Minister. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

Congregation. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Minister. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Congregation. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Minister. Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Congregation. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Minister. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it:

Congregation. For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Minister. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:

Congregation. And the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Minister. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

VII.

THE CHURCH.—In the World.

I. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH.

I.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation (Isa. 28: 16).

Congregation. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3: 11).

Minister. The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner (Luke 20: 17).

Congregation. Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16: 18).

Minister. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon (1 Cor. 3: 11).

Congregation. Built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone* (Eph. 2: 20).

Minister. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord (Eph. 2: 21).

Congregation. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his (1 Tim. 2: 19).

Minister. Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; (Matt. 7: 24.)

Congregation. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock (Matt. 7: 25).

Minister. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand: (Matt. 7: 26.)

Congregation. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it (Matt. 7: 27).

II. THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH.

ACTS II. 1-4, 14, 22, 23, 32, 36-41.

Minister. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Congregation. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Minister. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Congregation. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Minister. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Congregation. Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Minister. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.

Congregation. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Minister. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Congregation. Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Minister. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Minister. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Congregation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

III. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls (Acts 2: 41).

Congregation. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (Acts 2: 46.)

Minister. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2: 47).

Congregation. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand (Acts 4: 4).

Minister. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6: 7).

Congregation. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them (Acts 8: 5).

Minister. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did (Acts 8: 6).

Congregation. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women (Acts 8: 12).

Minister. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed (Acts 13: 48).

Congregation. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region (Acts 13: 49).

Minister. And many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized (Acts 18: 8).

Congregation. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed (Acts 19: 20).

IV. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

ACTS II. 41-47; ROMANS VIII. 14-18.

Minister. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Congregation. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Minister. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Congregation. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Minister. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Congregation. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Minister. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Congregation. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Minister. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Congregation. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Minister. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Congregation. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

V. OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

EPHESIANS IV. 7-13.

Minister. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Congregation. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Minister. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Congregation. He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Minister. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Congregation. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Minister. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

VI. CHURCH ORDINANCES.

I.

BAPTISM.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28: 18).

Congregation. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 28: 19).

Minister. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16: 16).

Congregation. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2: 38).

Minister. Then they that gladly received his words were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls (Acts 2: 41).

Congregation. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women (Acts 8: 12).

Minister. And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (Acts 8: 36.)

Congregation. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him (Acts 8: 38).

Minister. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8: 39).

Congregation. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (Acts 10: 47.)

Minister. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (Acts 10: 48).

Congregation. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22: 16).

II.

ACTS XVI. 14, 15, 25-33; ROMANS VI. 1-4.

Minister. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Congregation. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

Minister. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Congregation. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Minister. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

Congregation. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Minister. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Congregation. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Minister. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Congregation. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

Minister. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Congregation. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Minister. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Congregation. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Minister. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

III.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

I. COR. XI. 23-29.

Minister. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

Congregation. And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Minister. After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

Congregation. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Minister. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Congregation. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

Minister. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

VII. THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

I.

PSALM CXXXIII.

Minister. Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Congregation. *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Minister. As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion:

Congregation. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, *even* life for ever more.

II.

EPHESIANS IV. 1-7, 13-16.

Minister. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,

beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Congregation. With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Minister. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Congregation. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Minister. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Congregation. One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Minister. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Congregation. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Minister. That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Congregation. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Minister. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

VIII.

THE GOSPEL.

I. THE GOSPEL IN PROMISE.

ISAIAH LV. 1-7.

Minister. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Congregation. Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Minister. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

Congregation. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Minister. Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Congregation. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Minister. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:

Congregation. And let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

II. THE GOSPEL IN PROPHECY.

ACTS II. 14-21.

Minister. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Congregation. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

Minister. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Congregation. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Minister. And on my servants and on my hand-maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Congregation. And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Minister. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Congregation. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

III. THE GOSPEL IN TYPE.

HEBREWS X. 1-12.

Minister. For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Congregation. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

Minister. But in those *sacrifices* *there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year.

Congregation. For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Minister. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

Congregation. In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Minister. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Congregation. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law;

Minister. Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

Congregation. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Minister. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

Congregation. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

IV. THE GOSPEL IN PROSPECT.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, (Matt. 3: 1.)

Congregation. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt. 3: 2).

Minister. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, (Matt. 3: 5.)

Congregation. And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins (Matt. 3: 6).

Minister. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (Matt. 3: 11).

Congregation. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; (Mark 1: 1.)

Minister. As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee (Mark 1: 2).

Congregation. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight (Mark 1: 3).

Minister. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Mark 1: 4).

Congregation. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan (Mark 1: 9).

Minister. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: (Mark 1: 10.)

Congregation. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Mark 1: 11).

Minister. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (Mark 1: 14.)

Congregation. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel (Mark 1: 15).

Minister. After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come (Luke 10: 1).

Congregation. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest (Luke 10: 2).

Minister. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves (Luke 10: 3).

Congregation. And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you (Luke 10: 9).

V. THE GOSPEL IN FULNESS.

ACTS II. 1-4, 14, 22, 23, 32, 36-41.

Minister. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Congregation. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Minister. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Congregation. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Minister. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Congregation. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Minister. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.

Congregation. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Minister. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Congregation. Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Minister. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Minister. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Congregation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

VI. THE COMMISSION.

MATT. XXVIII. 16-20.

Minister. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Congregation. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

Minister. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Congregation. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Minister. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

VII. THE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL.

I. CORINTHIANS XV. 1-10.

Minister. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

Congregation. By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Minister. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

Congregation. And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Minister. And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

Congregation. After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

Minister. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Congregation. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Minister. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Congregation. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Minister. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Tim. 3: 16).

VIII. THE COMMANDS OF THE GOSPEL.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16: 31).

Congregation. Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: (Acts 13: 38.)

Minister. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses (Acts 13: 39).

Congregation. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel (Mark 1: 15).

Minister. Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (Luke 24: 46.).

Congregation. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24: 47).

Minister. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2: 38).

Congregation. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (Acts 10: 47.)

Minister. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. (Acts 10: 48).

Congregation. The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) (Rom. 10: 6.)

Minister. Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) (Rom. 10: 7.)

Congregation. But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; (Rom. 10: 8.)

Minister. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (Rom. 10: 9).

Congregation. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Rom. 10: 10).

IX. THE PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16: 16).

Congregation. Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2: 38).

Minister. And he brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (Acts 16: 30.)

Congregation. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16: 31).

Minister. And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19: 28).

Congregation. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life (Matt. 19: 29).

Minister. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22: 14).

Congregation. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Rev. 22: 17).

Minister. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Rev. 22: 21).

X. THE FRUITS OF THE GOSPEL.

ACTS II. 41-47; XIX. 17-20.

Minister. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Congregation. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Minister. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Congregation. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Minister. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Congregation. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Minister. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Congregation. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Minister. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

Congregation. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

Minister. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

IX.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

I. FAITH.

I.

HEBREWS XI. 1-10, 13-16.

Minister. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Congregation. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Minister. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Congregation. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Minister. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Congregation. But without faith *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Minister. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Congregation. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Minister. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Congregation. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Minister. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Congregation. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Minister. And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Congregation. But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

II.

HEBREWS XI. 17-31.

Minister. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Congregation. Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Minister. Accounting that God *was* able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Congregation. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Minister. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning upon the top of his staff.*

Congregation. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Minister. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Congregation. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Minister. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Congregation. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Minister. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Congregation. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Minister. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Congregation. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

Minister. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

III.

HEBREWS XI. 32-40.

Minister. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Congregation. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Minister. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Congregation. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting

deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Minister. And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Congregation. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Minister. (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Congregation. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Minister. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

II. HOPE.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee (Psa. 39: 7).

Congregation. Happy *is* he that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the Lord his God (Psa. 146: 5).

Minister. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death (Prov. 14: 32).

Congregation. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (Rom. 5: 1.)

Minister. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Rom. 5: 2).

Congregation. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (Rom. 5: 3.)

Minister. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (Rom. 5: 4.)

Congregation. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Rom. 5: 5).

Minister. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? (Rom. 8: 24.)

Congregation. But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it* (Rom. 8: 25).

Minister. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3: 2).

Congregation. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (1 John 3: 3).

Minister. Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the vail; (Heb. 6: 19.)

Congregation. Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec (Heb. 6: 20).

III. CHARITY.

I. COR. XIII.

Minister. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Congregation. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Minister. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Congregation. Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Minister. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Congregation. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Minister. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Congregation. Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Minister. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

Congregation. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Minister. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Congregation. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part: but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Minister. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

IV. LOVE.

I.

GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God (1 John 3: 1).

Congregation. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3: 16).

Minister. God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5: 8).

Congregation. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 3: 14).

Minister. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (Eph. 3: 16.)

Congregation. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (Eph. 3: 17.)

Minister. May be able to comprehend with all

saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (Eph. 3: 18.)

Congregation. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God (Eph. 3: 19).

Minister. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Rom. 8: 35.)

Congregation. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (Rom. 8: 38.)

Minister. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8: 39.)

Congregation. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you (2 Cor. 13: 11).

Minister. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen (2 Cor. 13: 14).

II.

LOVE FOR GOD.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications (Psa. 116: 1).

Congregation. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live (Psa. 116: 2).

Minister. O love the Lord, all ye his saints; *for* the Lord preserveth the faithful (Psa. 31: 23).

Congregation. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? (Mark 12: 28).

Minister. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: (Mark 12: 29.)

Congregation. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; *this is* the first commandment (Mark 12: 30).

Minister. And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 31).

Congregation. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: (Mark 12: 32.)

Minister. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12: 33).

III.

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Let brotherly love continue (Hebrews 13: 1).

Congregation. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Rom. 12: 9).

Minister. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another (Rom. 12: 10).

Congregation. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13: 10).

Minister. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you (John 13: 34).

Congregation. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13: 35).

Minister. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death (1 John 3: 14).

Congregation. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy (Matt. 5: 43).

Minister. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; (Matt. 5: 44.)

Congregation. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust (Matt. 5: 45).

V. GOOD WORKS.

I.

JAMES I. 17-27.

Minister. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Congregation. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Minister. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Congregation. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Minister. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Congregation. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Minister. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Congregation. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Minister. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Congregation. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

Minister. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

II.

JAMES II. 14-24.

Minister. What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Congregation. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Minister. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

Congregation. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Minister. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Congregation. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Minister. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Congregation. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Minister. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Congregation. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Minister. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

VI. FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Rom. 8: 1).

Congregation. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8: 2).

Minister. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you (Rom. 8: 9).

Congregation. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Rom. 8: 14).

Minister. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father (Rom. 8: 15).

Congregation. For the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (Rom. 8: 16.)

Minister. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together (Rom. 8: 17).

Congregation. I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5: 16).

Minister. If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law (Gal. 5: 18).

Congregation. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (Gal. 5: 22.)

Minister. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Gal. 5: 23).

Congregation. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy (James 3: 17).

Minister. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3: 18).

VII. SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

I.

I. PETER II. 1-9.

Minister. Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

Congregation. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Minister. If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

Congregation. To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

Minister. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Congregation. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Minister. Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

Congregation. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Minister. But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

II.

II. PETER I. 1-11.

Minister. Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious

faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Congregation. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Minister. According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Congregation. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Minister. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

Congregation. And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Minister. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Congregation. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Congregation. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Minister. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

X.

TIMES AND SEASONS.

I. CHRISTMAS.

I.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

LUKE II. 8-20.

Minister. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Congregation. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Minister. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Congregation. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Minister. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Congregation. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Minister. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Congregation. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Minister. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Congregation. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Minister. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Congregation. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

Minister. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

II.

GOD'S GREAT GIFT.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9: 15).

Congregation. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3: 16).

Minister. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4: 10).

Congregation. What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? (Rom. 8: 31.)

Minister. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Rom. 8: 32.)

Congregation. As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name (John 1: 12).

Minister. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God (1 John 3: 1).

Congregation. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3: 2).

Minister. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Rom. 8: 35.)

Congregation. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (Rom. 8: 38.)

Minister. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8: 39).

Congregation. Thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15: 57).

II. EASTER.

I.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

MATTHEW XXVIII. 1-10.

Minister. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Congregation. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Minister. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

Congregation. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

Minister. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Congregation. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Minister. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Congregation. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Minister. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Congregation. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

II.

THE GENERAL RESURRECTION.

I. THESS. IV. 9-18.

Minister. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Congregation. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

Minister. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

Congregation. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

Minister. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

Congregation. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Minister. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

Congregation. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Minister. Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Congregation. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

III.

I. CORINTHIANS. XV. 35-47.

Minister. But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Congregation. Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Minister. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

Congregation. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

Minister. All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind* of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

Congregation. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

Minister. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

Congregation. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

Minister. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

Congregation. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Minister. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

Congregation. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

Minister. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

IV.

I. CORINTHIANS XV. 48-57.

Minister. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

Congregation. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Minister. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Congregation. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Minister. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Congregation. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Minister. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Congregation. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

Minister. The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

Congregation. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. THANKSGIVING.

I.

TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

PSALM LXV.

Minister. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Congregation. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Minister. Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Congregation. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

Minister. By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Congregation. Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:

Minister. Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

Congregation. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Minister. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Congregation. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Minister. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

Congregation. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

Minister. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

II.

NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob (Psa. 85: 1).

Congregation. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin (Psa. 85: 2).

Minister. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger (Psa. 85: 3).

Congregation. The Lord hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad (Psa. 126: 3).

Minister. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion (Psa. 147: 12).

Congregation. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee (Psa. 147: 13).

Minister. He maketh peace *in* thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat (Psa. 147: 14).

Congregation. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord (Psa. 147: 20).

IV. ANNIVERSARIES.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us (1 Sam. 7: 12).

Congregation. The Lord hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad (Psa. 126: 3).

Minister. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners (Psa. 20: 5).

Congregation. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth (Psa. 60: 4).

Minister. We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple (Psa. 48: 9).

Congregation. According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth (Psa. 48: 10).

Minister. This *is* the day *which* the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psa. 118: 24).

Congregation. A day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness (Psa. 84: 10).

Minister. For the Lord God *is* a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly (Psa. 84: 11).

Congregation. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands (Psa. 90: 17).

Minister. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy (Psa. 126: 5).

Congregation. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him* (Psa. 126: 6).

V. FUNERALS.

I.

PSALM XC.

Minister. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Congregation. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Minister. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

Congregation. For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

Minister. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.

Congregation. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Minister. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Congregation. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

Minister. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

Congregation. The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Minister. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

Congregation. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

Minister. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

Congregation. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Minister. Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

Congregation. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

Minister. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

II.

I. CORINTHIANS XV. 47-58.

Minister. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

Congregation. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

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Minister. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Congregation. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Minister. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Congregation. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Minister. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

Congregation. The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

Minister. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

III.

II. CORINTHIANS V. 1-10.

Minister. For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Congregation. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Minister. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

Congregation. For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Minister. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Congregation. Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

Minister. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Congregation. We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Minister. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

Congregation. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

VI. MISSIONARY OCCASIONS.

I.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession (Psa. 2: 8).

Congregation. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee (Psa. 22: 27).

Minister. For the kingdom *is* the Lord's: and he *is* the governor among the nations (Psa. 22: 28).

Congregation. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles;

Minister. And in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering:

Congregation. For my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts (Mal. 1: 11).

Minister. And I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory (Isa. 66: 18).

Congregation. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:

Minister. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Isa. 2: 4).

Congregation. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth (Psa. 72: 8).

Minister. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed (Dan. 7: 14).

II.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth (Isa. 43: 6).

Congregation. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us (Psa. 67: 1).

Minister. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations (Psa. 67: 2).

Congregation. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us (Psa. 67: 6).

Minister. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him (Psa. 67: 7).

Congregation. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken *it* (Isa. 40: 5).

Minister. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16: 15).

Congregation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16: 16).

Minister. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2: 21).

Congregation. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2: 10, 11).

Minister. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven (Matt. 6: 10).

Congregation. For the earth shall be filled with the

knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 2: 14).

Minister. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things (Psa. 72: 18).

Congregation. And blessed be his glorious name for ever:

Minister. And let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory. Amen, and Amen (Psa. 72: 19).

VII. TEMPERANCE.

I.

PROVERBS XXIII. 20, 21, 29-35.

Minister. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

Congregation. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

Minister. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

Congregation. They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Minister. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

Congregation. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Minister. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Congregation. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

Minister. They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

II.

EPHESIANS V. 11-20.

Minister. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

Congregation. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

Minister. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Congregation. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Minister. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Congregation. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Minister. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Congregation. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Minister. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Congregation. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III.

GALATIANS V. 15-26.

Minister. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

Congregation. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Minister. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Congregation. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Minister. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Congregation. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Minister. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Congregation. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Minister. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Congregation. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Minister. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Congregation. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

VIII. SPRING-TIME.

SONG OF SOLOMON II. 8-17.

Minister. The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

Congregation. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

Minister. My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Congregation. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;

Minister. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of *birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; •

Congregation. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Minister. O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

Congregation. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

Minister. My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

Congregation. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

IX. SUMMER.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear (Mark 4: 28).

Congregation. Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Gal. 6: 9).

Minister. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;

Congregation. And he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2 Cor. 9: 6).

Minister. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy (Psa. 126: 5).

Congregation. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him* (Psa. 126: 6).

Minister. Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe (Rev. 14: 15).

Congregation. Behold, the days come, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed (Amos 9: 13).

Minister. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: (Matt. 6: 28.)

Congregation. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these (Matt. 6: 29).

Minister. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? (Matt. 6: 30.)

Congregation. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? (Matt. 6: 31.)

Minister. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things (Matt. 6: 32).

Congregation. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matt. 6: 33).

X. AUTUMN.

PSALM LXV. 1, 2, 8-13.

Minister. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

Congregation. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Minister. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Congregation. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God,

which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Minister. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest [the springing thereof.

Congregation. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

Minister. They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

Congregation. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever (Psa. 106: 1).

XI. WINTER.

PSALM CXLVII. 11-20.

Minister. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Congregation. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

Minister. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Congregation. He maketh peace *in* thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

Minister. He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

Congregation. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

Minister. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

Congregation. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

Minister. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

Congregation. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

XI.

MISCELLANY.

I. BLESSEDNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

I.

PSALM I.

Minister. Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Congregation. But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Minister. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Congregation. The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Minister. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Congregation. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

II.

PSALM XXIII.

Minister. The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

Congregation. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Minister. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Congregation. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Minister. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Congregation. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

III.

PSALM CXII.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Congregation. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Minister. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Congregation. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Minister. A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Congregation. Surely he shall not be moved for

ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Minister. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

Congregation. His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

Minister. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Congregation. The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

IV.

PSALM CXXV.

Minister. They that trust in the Lord *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

Congregation. As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the Lord *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

Minister. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Congregation. Do good, O Lord, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts.

Minister. As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

II. PROSPERITY OF THE WICKED.

PSALM LXXIII. 1-15.

Minister. Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.

Congregation. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

Minister. For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Congregation. For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.

Minister. They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

Congregation. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

Minister. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

Congregation. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

Minister. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

Congregation. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

Minister. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

Congregation. Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

Minister. Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

Congregation. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

Minister. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

III. THE END OF THE WICKED.

PSALM. LXXIII. 16-26.

Minister. When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

Congregation. Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

Minister. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

Congregation. How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

Minister. As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

Congregation. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

Minister. So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.

Congregation. Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

Minister. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

Congregation. Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

Minister. My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

IV. THE GREAT DELIVERER.

I.

PSALM XXXIV. 1-10.

Minister. I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

Congregation. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

Minister. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Congregation. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Minister. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Congregation. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Minister. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Congregation. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Minister. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

Congregation. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good *thing*.

II.

PSALM XXXIV. 11-22.

Minister. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Congregation. What man *is he* that desireth life, and loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

Minister. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Congregation. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Minister. The eyes of the Lord *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

Congregation. The face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Minister. *The righteous* cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Congregation. The Lord *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Minister. Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Congregation. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Minister. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

Congregation. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

V. THE GREAT DEFENDER.

I.

PSALM III.

Minister. Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

Congregation. Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

Minister. But thou, O Lord, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Congregation. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Minister. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Congregation. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

Minister. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Congregation. Salvation *belongeth* unto the Lord: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

II.

PSALM CXXX.

Minister. Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Congregation. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Minister. If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Congregation. But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Minister. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Congregation. My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.

Minister. Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

Congregation. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

VI. DIVINE POWER AND GOODNESS.

I.

PSALM XXXIII. 12-22.

Minister. Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the Lord; and the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Congregation. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

Minister. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Congregation. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

Minister. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

Congregation. An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

Minister. Behold, the eye of the Lord *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Congregation. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Minister. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he *is* our help and our shield.

Congregation. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Minister. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

II.

PSALM XLI.

Minister. Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Congregation. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

Minister. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Congregation. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Minister. Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

Congregation. And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

Minister. All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

Congregation. An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

Minister. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

Congregation. But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

Minister. By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

Congregation. And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

Minister. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

VII. GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

I.

PSALM XXV. 1-14.

Minister. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Congregation. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Minister. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Congregation. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Minister. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Congregation. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.

Minister. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Congregation. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Minister. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Congregation. All the paths of the Lord *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Minister. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.

Congregation. What man *is* he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

Minister. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

Congregation. The secret of the Lord *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

II.

PSALM XXXVI.

Minister. The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.

Congregation. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

Minister. The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

Congregation. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

Minister. Thy mercy, O Lord, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.

Congregation. Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

Minister. How excellent *is* thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Congregation. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

Minister. For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Congregation. O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Minister. Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

Congregation. There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

III.

PSALM LXXXII.

Minister. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

Congregation. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

Minister. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Congregation. Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

Minister. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Congregation. I have said, *Ye are gods*; and all of you *are children of the most High*.

Minister. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Congregation. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

VIII. REWARD OF PATIENCE.

PSALM XL. 1-10.

Minister. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Congregation. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

Minister. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Congregation. Blessed *is* that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Minister. Many, O Lord my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward:

Congregation. They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

Minister. Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Congregation. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

Minister. I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

Congregation. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

Minister. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:

Congregation. I have not concealed thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

IX. BLESSEDNESS OF SERVICE.

PSALM XLII.

Minister. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Congregation. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Minister. My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

Congregation. When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Minister. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

Congregation. O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.*

Minister. Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Congregation. Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Minister. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Congregation. As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?

Minister. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?

Congregation. Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

X. PATIENCE AND TRUST.

I.

PSALM XI.

Minister. In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

Congregation. For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

Minister. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Congregation. The Lord *is* in his holy temple, the Lord's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Minister. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Congregation. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

Minister. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

II.

PSALM LXI.

Minister. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Congregation. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

Minister. For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

Congregation. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Minister. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Congregation. Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

Minister. He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

Congregation. So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

XI. THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

I.

PSALM XCVIII.

Minister. O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Congregation. The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

Minister. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Congregation. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Minister. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

Congregation. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Minister. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Congregation. Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;

Minister. For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

II.

PSALM CXXXVI. 1-9, 23-26.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Congregation. The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Minister. The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

Minister. And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Congregation. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Minister. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

III.

PSALM C.

Minister. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Minister. Know ye that the Lord he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Congregation. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

Minister. For the Lord *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

XII. COUNSELS TO THE YOUNG.

I.

PROVERBS III. 1-12.

Minister. My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

Congregation. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Minister. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

Congregation. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Minister. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Congregation. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Minister. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Congregation. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Minister. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:

Congregation. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Minister. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

Congregation. For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

II.

PROVERBS IV. 14-27.

Minister. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

Congregation. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

Minister. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

Congregation. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

Minister. But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Congregation. The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

Minister. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Congregation. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

Minister. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Congregation. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Minister. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Congregation. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Minister. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Congregation. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

III.

ECCLESIASTES XII.

Minister. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Congregation. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

Minister. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

Congregation. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

Minister. Also when they shall be afraid of *that which is high*, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

Congregation. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Minister. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Congregation. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; *all is vanity.*

Minister. And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and set in order many proverbs.*

Congregation. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was written was up-right, even words of truth.*

Minister. The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

Congregation. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

Minister. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Congregation. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

XIII. THE VALUE OF WISDOM.

I.

PROVERBS III. 13-26.

Minister. Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

Congregation. For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Minister. She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Congregation. Length of days *is* in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Minister. Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

Congregation. She *is* a tree of life to them that lay

hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

Minister. The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Congregation. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Minister. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

Congregation. So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

Minister. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

Congregation. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Minister. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

Congregation. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

II.

PROVERBS IV. 1-13.

Minister. Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Congregation. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

Minister. For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

Congregation. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Minister. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Congregation. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

Minister. Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Congregation. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Minister. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Congregation. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

Minister. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Congregation. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

Minister. Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

XIV. THE VOICE OF WISDOM.

PROVERBS I. 20-33.

Minister. Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

Congregation. She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

Minister. How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Congregation. Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Minister. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Congregation. But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

Minister. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

Congregation. When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Minister. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

Congregation. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

Minister. They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

Congregation. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Minister. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

Congregation. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

XV. PRACTICAL WISDOM.

I.

PROVERBS XI. 1-14.

Minister. A false balance *is* abomination to the Lord: but a just weight *is* his delight.

Congregation. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

Minister. The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Congregation. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Minister. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

Congregation. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

Minister. When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

Congregation. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

Minister. An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Congregation. When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

Minister. By the blessing of the upright the city is

exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

Congregation. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

Minister. A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Congregation. Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is safety.*

II.

PROVERBS XI. 15-31.

Minister. He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

Congregation. A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

Minister. The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is cruel* troubleth his own flesh.

Congregation. The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

Minister. As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.

Congregation. They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the Lord: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.

Minister. *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

Congregation. As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

Minister. The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

Congregation. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

Minister. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Congregation. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

Minister. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

Congregation. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Minister. He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

Congregation. The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

Minister. Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

III.

PROVERBS XVI. 1-9.

Minister. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the Lord.

Congregation. All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits.

Minister. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Congregation. The Lord hath made all *things* for himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Minister. Every one *that is* proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Congregation. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord *men* depart from evil.

Minister. When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Congregation. Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

Minister. A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

IV.

PROVERBS XXII. 1-12.

Minister. A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Congregation. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord *is* the maker of them all.

Minister. A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Congregation. By humility *and* the fear of the Lord *are* riches, and honour, and life.

Minister. Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

Congregation. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Minister. The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

Congregation. He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

Minister. He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Congregation. Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Minister. He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

Congregation. The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

XVI. THE GLORIFIED SAINTS.

REVELATION VII. 9-17.

Minister. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Congregation. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Minister. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Congregation. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Congregation. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest.

Minister. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Congregation. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Minister. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Congregation. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

XVII. THE GRAND ANTHEM.

REVELATION V. 9-13; XIX. 4-6.

Minister. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:

Congregation. For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Minister. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Congregation. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders:

Minister. And the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Congregation. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Minister. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,

Congregation. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Minister. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Congregation. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Minister. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

XVIII. THE HOME OF THE SAINTS.

SELECTIONS.

Minister. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev. 21: 2).

Congregation. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men,

Minister. And he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God (Rev. 21: 3).

Congregation. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

Minister. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain (Rev. 21: 4).

Congregation. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it (Rev. 21: 22).

Minister. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it:

Congregation. For the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof (Rev. 21: 23).

Minister. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:

Congregation. And the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it (Rev. 21: 24).

Minister. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there (Rev. 21: 25).

Congregation. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb (Rev. 22: 1).

Minister. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life,

Congregation. Which bare twelve *manner* of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month:

Minister. And the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations (Rev. 22: 2).

Congregation. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: (Rev. 22: 3.)

Minister. And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads (Rev. 22: 4).

Congregation. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun;

Minister. For the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever (Rev. 22: 5).

Congregation. Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22: 14).

Minister. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen (Rev. 22: 21).

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